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 SAME

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 14, 2005, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, transmittal of 22 sheets of formal drawings, and a check for \$1430 for the required fee, including patent copies.

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of the claims is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited in the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 14, 2005, please substitute the enclosed twenty-two (22) sheets of formal drawings for the corresponding drawings presently in the application.

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